

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.

Melvin Jones

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2005-0045

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission pursuant to the issuance of an Administrative Subpoena to the Respondent, a registered lobbyist, for his failure to file one or more lobbyist reports in violation of the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-73.

The aforementioned subpoena was issued following:

- 1) Respondent's failure to timely report as a lobbyist, and
- 2) Respondent's failure to file subsequent to the Commission's electronic communication of a notice of delinquency in reporting, and
- 3) Respondent's continued failure to comply by not reporting in response to the Commission's letter of May 26, 2005, notifying the Respondent of the intention to revoke the lobbyist's registration and seek the imposition of civil penalties unless the lobbyist came into compliance within two weeks of the date of the letter.

Subsequent to the issuance of the subpoena, the Respondent took corrective action by filing the delinquent lobbyist reports on July 13, 2005.

FAILURE TO FILE LOBBYIST DISCLOSURE REPORTS

The Respondent is a registered lobbyist on behalf of Concerned Citizens of Rural Georgia. As a registered lobbyist, the Respondent is required to electronically file Lobbyist Disclosure Reports with the State Ethics Commission.

The Respondent admits failure to timely file Lobbyist Disclosure Reports for the following periods with the State Ethics Commission in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-73:

January 1, 2005 through April 30, 2005 (Local)

February 2005 (State)

March 2005 (State)

SANCTION

The Respondent agrees to pay a single civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from personal funds within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. The Respondent consents to the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and agrees to comply with all terms of this order.

The Respondent is ordered to cease and desist from any and all violations of the Ethics in Government Act, and is ordered to comply with all provisions of this order.

The State Ethics Commission accepts the foregoing admissions, statements, and conclusions of law as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Commission orders compliance with all terms of this order.

Signature of Melvin Jones attested
to on this 29 day of MARCH, 2006.

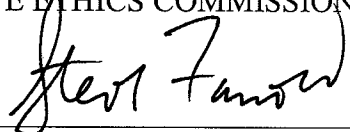
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RESPONDENT:


Melvin Jones

SO ORDERED this 30th day of March, 2006.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: 
Steve Farrow, Chairman